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THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM (Information as of 1000 EDT)

1. Viet Cong attacks during the week of 1-7 October dropped below last year's average for the first time in five weeks. There were 87, compared with 129 during the preceding week. Total casualties reported for each side were about even, and well below weekly levels of September.

3. A powerful leaflet-bomb exploded in the Saigon market today, the third such incident in a month attributed to followers of a non-Communist exile in Paris. Three bystanders were slightly injured.

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